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Ornamental Plants with Summer Bloom and Fruit in the Virginia Native Plant Garden

Scientific Name of Ornamental Plants with Summer Bloom (June, July, and/or August)	Common Name	Month of Bloom	Color of Bloom
<i>Aconitum uncinatum</i>	Wild Monkshood	Late August	Blue
<i>Agastache nepetoides</i>	Catnip Giant Hyssop	August	Greenish yellow
<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Nodding Wild Onion	June, July	Light pink
<i>Allium oxyphilum</i>	Lillydale Onion	Late June, July, early August	White
<i>Allium tricoccum</i>	Ramps	Late June, early July	White
<i>Amianthium muscitoxicum</i>	Fly Poison	June	White
<i>Amphicarpaea bracteata</i>	Hog Peanut	Supposedly begins blooming in August – bloom is covered by foliage	Pale purple to whitish (we have noted bloom in September)
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i>	Eastern Bluestar	June (heavier in May)	Light blue
<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> & <i>A. ternarius</i>	Big Bluestem & Splitbeard Bluestem, respectively	August & showy onward	Green turning coppery
<i>Anemone canadensis</i>	Canada Anemone	June	White
<i>Anemone virginiana</i>	Tall Anemone, Thimbleweed	June	Greenish white
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	Scattered bloom in June (heaviest bloom in spring)	Red & yellow
<i>Aralia racemosa</i> (herbaceous perennial)	Spikenard	July, August	Greenish white
<i>Aralia spinosa</i> (shrub)	Devil's Walking Stick	Late July, August	Whitish
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i>	Dutchman's Pipe	Early June	Green & brownish purple
<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Goatsbeard	June	White
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp Milkweed	June, July, August	Pink
<i>Asclepias purpurascens</i>	Purple Milkweed	June	Rose-pink
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Common Butterfly Weed	June, July, August	Orange
<i>Aster divaricatus</i> (<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>) & <i>A. macrophyllus</i> (<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>): both shade-loving asters	White Wood Aster & Bigleaf Aster, respectively	Late July, August	White & lilac, respectively
<i>Aster laevis</i> (<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>)	Smooth Blue Aster	August	Blue
<i>Aster</i> (<i>Symphyotrichum</i>) <i>novae-angliae</i>	New England Aster	July, August	Purple
<i>Aster oblongifolius</i> (<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>)	Shale Barren Aster	Late August	Blue
<i>Aster</i> (<i>Eurybia</i>) <i>spectabilis</i>	Showy Aster	Late July sometimes, August	Blue
<i>Aster umbellatus</i> (<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>)	Flat-topped White Aster	July, August	White
<i>Astilbe biternata</i>	Appalachian False Goatsbeard	Early June	White
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Wild Blue Indigo	Early June (heavier bloom in spring)	Blue
<i>Bignonia capreolata</i>	Cross Vine	Heaviest in spring but light rebloom in the summer	Brownish red, brownish orange, orange, or orange-red
<i>Boltonia asteroides</i> 'Snowbank'	Snowbank Boltonia	Late August	White
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	July, August	Small pink flowers
<i>Callisia rosea</i> (<i>C. graminea</i> , <i>Tradescantia rosea</i> , <i>Cuthbertia</i>)	Piedmont Roseling	June	Rose pink
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Harebell, Bluebell	June, July, August	Blue
<i>Campanulastrum americanum</i> (<i>Campanula americana</i>) – a biennial	Tall Bellflower, American Bellflower	Late June, July, August	Blue
<i>Carex grayi</i>	Gray's Sedge	June	Green



<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	June (a few scattered blooms later in the summer some years)	White
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	June, July, early August	White
<i>Chamaelirium luteum</i>	Devil's Bit	June	White
<i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i>	River Oats	June & showy onward	Green turning tawny
<i>Chelone glabra</i>	White Turtlehead	August	White
<i>Chelone obliqua</i>	Pink Turtlehead	August	Rose-pink
<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i> var. <i>virginianum</i>	Green and Gold	Mostly in the spring but a few throughout the summer	Yellow
<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	Black Snakeroot, Black Cohosh, Fairy Candles	June, July, early August	White
<i>Cimicifuga rubifolia</i>	Appalachian Bugbane	July, August	White
<i>Clematis glaucophylla</i>	Whiteleaf Leatherflower	July, August	Cherry red
<i>Clematis viorna</i>	Northern Leatherflower	June, July, August	Reddish -purple with some white
<i>Clethra acuminata</i> & <i>C. alnifolia</i>	Cinnamon Clethra & Summersweet, respectively	July, August	White
<i>Collinsonia canadensis</i>	Northern Horse Balm, Richweed	Late August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis auriculata</i>	Eared Coreopsis	June, July, August (heavier bloom in spring)	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis major</i>	Woodland Coreopsis	June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	Tall Coreopsis	July, August	Yellow
<i>Coreopsis verticillata</i> 'Golden Showers' & 'Zagreb'	Threadleaf Coreopsis	June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Cryptotaenia canadensis</i>	Honewort	June, July	White
<i>Cyrilla racemiflora</i>	Swamp Cyrilla, Swamp Titi	Late June, July	White
<i>Delphinium exaltatum</i>	Tall Delphinium	July	Purple or blue
<i>Dicentra eximia</i>	Wild Bleeding Heart	Heaviest bloom in spring but some throughout the summer	Pink
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Northern Bush-honeysuckle	June, July, August (heaviest bloom early in summer)	Yellow
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> & <i>E. laevigata</i> hybrid (<i>E. laevigata</i> is the true Virginia native)	Purple Coneflower	June, July, August	Rose pink with purple center
<i>Elephantopus carolinianus</i>	Leafy Elephant's-foot	August	Lavender (small)
<i>Elymus canadensis</i> & <i>Elymus hystrix</i> (<i>Hystrix patula</i>)	Canada Wildrye & Eastern Bottlebrush Grass, respectively	June & showy onward	Green turning tawny
<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Northern Rattlesnake Master	Late June, July, August	Whitish green
<i>Euonymus atropurpurea</i>	American Wahoo	June	Dark purple
<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i> & 'Gateway'	Joe-pye Weed	July, August	Pink to lavender
<i>Eupatorium hyssopifolium</i>	Hyssopleaf Eupatorium	July, August	White
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Common Boneset	August	White
<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	Flowering Spurge	June, July, August	White
<i>Filipendula rubra</i>	Queen of the Prairie	June, July	Pink
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Wild Strawberry	June	White
<i>Galax urceolata</i>	Galax	June	White
<i>Gaylussacia frondosa</i>	Dangleberry	June	White or pinkish
<i>Gentiana saponaria</i>	Soapwort Gentian	Late August	Blue
<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i> & <i>H. strumosus</i>	Spreading Sunflower & Roughleaf Sunflower, respectively	July, August	Yellow
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False Sunflower	June, July, August	Golden yellow ('Prairie Sunset' has red markings in center of many flowers)
<i>Heuchera americana</i>	American Alumroot	June, July	Greenish, white, or pink (small)
<i>Heuchera villosa</i> & 'Purpurea'	Rock Alumroot, Crag-jangle	August	White or pink (small)
<i>Hibiscus laevis</i> (<i>militaris</i>)	Smooth Rose Mallow, Halberdleaf Rose Mallow	July, August	Pink w/ a darker center



Hibiscus moscheutos	Rose Mallow	July, August	Pink, or white w/ red eye
Hydrangea arborescens	Wild Hydrangea	June	White
Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' (double flower)	Annabelle Hydrangea	June, July, sometimes early August	White
Hydrophyllum canadense	Bluntleaf Waterleaf, Maple-leaved Waterleaf	June	White
Hylotelephium (Sedum) telephioides	Alleghany Stonecrop	August	White to light pink
Hypericum mutilum	Dwarf St. Johnswort	July, August	Yellow
Impatiens capensis	Orange Jewelweed, Orange Touch-me-not	Late June, July, August	Orange
Iris prismatica (more delicate-looking than the following)	Slender Blue Flag, Slender Blue Iris	June	Light blue to lilac
Iris virginica	Southern Blue Flag, Virginia Iris	June	Blue-violet
Itea virginica cultivars	Virginia Sweetspire	June	White
Kalmia latifolia cultivars	Mountain Laurel	Early June	Many colors for cultivars (pink, white, & combinations [some banded w/ burgundy])
Leucothoe axillaris	Swamp Leucothoe	Early June	White
Liatris spicata	Dense Blazing Star, Liatris	June, July, early August	Lavender
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	July, August	Red
Lobelia inflata (an annual)	Indian Tobacco, Annual Lobelia	July, August	Blue to white (small)
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	August	Bluish violet
Lonicera sempervirens 'Sulphurea' & 'Cedar Lane'	Trumpet Honeysuckle	Heaviest bloom in spring but throughout the summer	'Sulphurea' is yellow; 'Cedar Lane' is red (yellow inside)
Ludwigia alternifolia	Seedbox	July, August	Yellow
Lysimachia quadrifolia	Whorled Lysimachia	June, July	Yellow
Magnolia virginiana ('Henry Hicks' near Townhouse Gardens; the species itself in magnolia bog remnants across bridge)	Sweetbay Magnolia	June, sometimes later in the summer	White
Manfreda (Agave) virginica	Eastern False Aloe	July	Greenish-white
Mimulus ringens	Alleghany Monkeyflower	Late June, July, August	Light blue
Monarda clinopodia	Basil Bee Balm	June, July	White
Monarda didyma & hybrids	Bee Balm, Oswego Tea	June, July, August	Red
Monarda fistulosa & hybrids	Wild Bergamot	June, July, sometimes early August	Lavender
Monarda punctata	Eastern Horse Mint	June, July, August	True flowers pale yellow spotted with purple; bracts whitish
Napaea dioica	Glade Mallow	June, July	White
Oenothera argillicola	Shale Barren Oenothera (called evening primrose but also blooms during the day)	July, August	Yellow
Oenothera fruticosa (subsp. fruticosa & subsp. glauca)	Sundrops	June, July, & sometimes August (heaviest bloom early in summer)	Yellow
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	Late June, July, August	White
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	July & showy onward	Green turning tawny or reddish
Parthenium integrifolium	Wild Quinine, American Feverfew	June, July, sometimes August	White
Passiflora lutea	Yellow Passionflower	Late June, July, August	Light yellow
Penstemon canescens	Appalachian Penstemon, Beardtongue	June	Lavender
Penstemon digitalis	White Penstemon	June	White or purplish
Penstemon hirsutus	Hairy Penstemon, Northeastern Penstemon	June & sometimes a few later	White & lavender



Phlox glaberrima	Appalachian Smooth Phlox	June & a few throughout the summer	Rose pink
Phlox latifolia 'Spring Delight'	Mountain Phlox	June	Pink
Phlox nivalis	Trailing Phlox	Early June; sometimes a few later in the summer	Pink; 'Snowdrift' is white
Phlox paniculata	Summer Phlox	June, July, August	Pink for the species
Phlox pilosa	Downy Phlox	Mostly early June; a few later in the summer	Pink
Phlox stolonifera 'Fran's Purple'	Creeping Phlox	A few in June (heavier bloom in spring)	Lilac
Physostegia virginiana 'Vivid'	Vivid False Dragonhead, Obedient Plant	August	Rose-pink
Porteranthus (Giillenia) stipulatus (best for naturalistic use; the following is more ornamental)	Indian-physic, American Ipecac	June & sometimes a few later in the summer	White
Porteranthus (Gillenia) trifolius (showier than above)	Bowman's Root	June	White
Ptelea trifoliata	Hop Tree	Early June	Greenish white
Pycnanthemum incanum & P. muticum	Mountain Mint (species with wider leaves)	June, July, August	White to light violet; whitish bracts
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium & P. virginianum	Mountain Mint (species with narrow leaves)	June, July, August	White
Rhododendron calendulaceum	Flame Azalea	Early June	Orange & sometimes orange-red or yellow
Rhododendron cumberlandense (bakeri) 'Sunlight'	Sunlight Azalea	Late June, early July	Red-orange
Rhododendron maximum	Rosebay Rhododendron	June, July; sometimes a few in August	Rose to white
Rhododendron periclymenoides hybrid	Hybrid Azalea	Early June (heavier bloom earlier)	White
Rhododendron viscosum (one originally called var. serrulatum or R. serrulatum blooms later but is less showy)	Swamp Azalea	June, July, August	White; yellow for 'Lemon Drop'
Rhus copallinum	Shining Sumac, Winged Sumac	August	Greenish yellow
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	June, July; sometimes August	Rose pink
Rudbeckia fulgida var. speciosa	Orange Coneflower	July, August	Golden yellow with brown center
Rudbeckia laciniata	Cutleaf Coneflower, Green-headed Coneflower	July, August	Yellow
Rudbeckia triloba	Three-lobed Coneflower, Browneyed Susan	Sometimes in late June; July & August	Golden yellow with brown center
Saccharum brevibarbe var. contortum (Erianthus contortus)	Bent-awn Plumegrass, Sortbeard Plumegrass	Late July & showy onward	Green turning purplish or orangish
Saccharum giganteum (Erianthus giganteus)	Sugarcane Plumegrass, Giant Plumegrass	Late July & showy onward	Green turning pinkish
Sambucus nigra subsp. canadensis (S. canadensis)	American Elderberry, Common Elderberry	June	White
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	July & showy onward	Green or bluish turning orangish
Scutellaria incana (sun-loving)	Downy Skullcap, Hoary Skullcap	July, August	Blue
Scutellaria serrata (shade-loving)	Showy Skullcap, Alleghany Skullcap	June	Blue
Sedum glaucophyllum	Cliff Stoncrop	June	White
Sedum (now Hylotelephium) telephioides	Alleghany Stoncrop	August	White to light pink
Silene stellata	Starry Campion	Sometimes in late June; July & early August	White with a touch of green at base
Silphium asteriscus, S. perfoliatum, & S. trifoliatum	Southern Rosinweed, Cup Plant, & Whorled Rosinweed, respectively	July, August	Yellow
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Dock, Prairie Rosinweed	Late July, August	Yellow
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Narrowleaf Blue-eyed Grass	June	Blue
Solidago caesia & S. flexicaulis (shade-loving goldenrods)	Wreath Goldenrod & Zigzag Goldenrod, respectively	August	Yellow
Solidago roanensis (sun loving & shorter)	Roan Mountain Goldenrod	August	Yellow
Solidago rugosa & S. speciosa (tall, sun-loving goldenrods)	Rough-stemmed Goldenrod & Showy Goldenrod, respectively	August	Yellow
Solidago sphacelata 'Golden Fleece' (sun or some shade; short)	Golden Fleece Goldenrod	August	Yellow
Spiraea alba var. latifolia	White Meadowsweet, Broadleaf Meadowsweet	July, August	White



<i>Sporobolus heterolepsis</i>	Prairie Dropseed	August & showy onward	Green turning tan
<i>Staphylea trifolia</i>	American Bladdernut	Sometimes bloom into early June	White
<i>Stewartia malacodendron</i>	Silky Stewartia	June	White
<i>Stylophorum diphyllosum</i>	Yellow Wood Poppy	Heaviest bloom in spring but some throughout the summer	Yellow
<i>Thalictrum pubescens</i> (polygamum)	Tall Meadow-rue, Late Meadow-rue, King of the Meadow	June, early July; into early August in some years	White
<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i> var. <i>collina</i>	Foamflower	Mostly in spring but a few blooms in the summer	White
<i>Tradescantia virginiana</i> and hybrids	Spiderwort	June, July, August (heaviest bloom in the spring)	Species is blue or purple; hybrids are lavender & deep blue here
<i>Trauvettaria caroliniensis</i>	False Bugbane, Tassel-rue	June	White
<i>Tripsicum dactyloides</i>	Eastern Gammagrass	June onward	Green
<i>Vaccinium stamineum</i>	Deerberry	June	Greenish & white
<i>Verbena</i> (now <i>Glandularia</i>) <i>canadensis</i>	Rose Verbena, Rose Mock Vervain	June, July, August	Rose pink
<i>Verbesina</i> (<i>Actinomeris</i>) <i>alternifolia</i>	Common Wingstem	Late June, July, August	Yellow
<i>Vernonia gigantea</i>	Tall Ironweed	Late June, July, August	Magenta purple
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root	Late June, July, August	White or pale pink
<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry Viburnum	Early June (heavier bloom in spring)	White
<i>Viburnum nudum</i> var. <i>nudum</i>	Smooth Witherod Viburnum	June	White
<i>Viola canadensis</i>	Canada Violet, Tall White Violet	Heaviest bloom in spring but some throughout the summer	White
<i>Zenobia pulverulenta</i>	Zenobia, Honey-cups	June	White
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexander	Mostly in spring but sometimes in August	Golden yellow

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<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	White Baneberry	July, August	White
<i>Amelanchier</i> species, hybrids, & cultivars	Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow	June	Red-purple
<i>Aralia racemosa</i>	Spikenard	August	Purple-red
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Jack-in-the-pulpit	July, August	Red
<i>Caulophyllum thalictroides</i>	Blue Cohosh	July	Blue
<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i> var. <i>commutatum</i>	Smooth Solomon's Seal	August	Black
<i>Smilacina racemosa</i> (now <i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>)	False Solomon's Seal	Late June, July, August	Start off green w/ reddish speckles, & eventually red when fully ripe in fall
<i>Smilacina stellata</i> (now <i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>)	Star-flowered False Solomon's Seal	Late July, August	Black
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Highbush Blueberry	June	Blue

Note: some shrubs with small flowers are not included on this list (*Ilex* is an example – genus for holly).

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